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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

The amendment document filed on 24 October 2006 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☒ 1. Amendments to the specification:
 - ☒ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 - ☒ C. Other see the attached.
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
 - ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 - ☐ B. Other _____.
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
 - ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 - ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
 - ☐ C. Other _____.
- ☐ 4. Amendments to the claims:
 - ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
 - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
 - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 - ☐ E. Other: _____.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted within the time period set forth in the final Office action.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:

- Abandonment** of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or
- Non-entry** of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

Attachment: Notice of NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety). In this case, the entire "Amendment to the specification" section of applicants' amendment document filed on Oct. 24, 2006, must be resubmitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).

The "Amendment to the specification" section filed on Oct. 24, 2006, does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 for the following reasons:

Item 1-A: The amended paragraph beginning at page 84, line 7, of the specification, does not include any markings to show deleted subject matter or added subject matter.

Item 1-C:

(1) The amended paragraph beginning at page 79, line 6, does not use the proper markings, i.e., double brackets, to indicate deleted matter, e.g., "[[4]]" (emphasis added).

(2) The amended paragraph beginning at page 81, line 3, merely adds the number -- 4 -- in the phrase "Fig. 4" without using the proper markings to indicate its addition.

(3) The amended paragraph beginning at page 83, line 3, merely deletes the text "mm" in the phrase "14 mm" and adds the text -- r m -- without using the proper markings to indicate deletion of "mm" and addition of -- r m --.

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(4) The amended Table 1, in example 3, under the column labeled G' (180°C), merely adds the term -- 10^3 -- without using the proper markings to indicate its addition.

(5) The amended Table 1, in example 4, under the column labeled "Particles with SF-1 of 150 or more," merely deletes the entry "8.8" in the originally filed table and inserts the entry -- 808 -- without using the proper markings to show deletion of subject matter and to show addition of added subject matter.

Applicants have improperly amended the paragraphs discussed in items (1) to (5) above.

37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii) states that "[t]he full text of any replacement paragraph with markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters . . ." (emphasis added).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janis L. Dote whose telephone number is (571) 272-1382. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Mark Huff, can be reached on (571) 272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry regarding papers not received regarding this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Supervisory Application Examiner Ms. Claudia Sullivan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1052.

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